

Defense Operations for State National Disasters, Deployment for Homeland Defense Missions, and Overseas Contingency Operations. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy was vital for preparing and training soldiers to protect our Nation at the State and national levels.

As a Battalion Commander and Regimental Deputy Commander for the 136th Regional Training Institute, Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy assisted the Texas Army National Guard by training soldiers in professional development and military occupational skills. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy also dedicated time and effort towards bettering the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Army National Guard.

While serving in the Army, Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy was deployed to Baghlan Province, Afghanistan as a Combat Advisor and Team Chief for a police mentoring team. He served as the Senior U.S. Army Advisor for the province and assisted in training the Afghan National Police in Security Force operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy has served his community as a Sergeant with the Dallas Police Department. He also donated his time as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 83 out of Rockwall, Texas. As an accomplished Eagle Scout, he continues to promote the ideals of hard work and service to future generations.

I am beyond honored to have Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING DOROTHY WALLACE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Dorothy Wallace for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022. Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Dorothy Wallace's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dorothy Wallace for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING SAN ANTONIO NATIVE DR. ERIKA GONZALEZ

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of San Antonio native,

Dr. Erika Gonzalez for her military service to our country and her impact on South Texas. Dr. Gonzalez graciously served on my 2020 Military Service Academy Nomination Board and played an essential role in helping local students begin their military careers.

After graduating magna cum laude from St. Mary's University, Dr. Gonzalez obtained her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She returned home after completing 10 years of Active Duty Service as a Medical Officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Gonzalez is currently the CEO and President of both South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals (STAAMP) and STAAMP Clinical Research. She previously served as the Chief of the Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology division at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio. She was also an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

As an active community leader, Dr. Gonzalez has served on the Board of Directors and as the 2020 and 2021 Immediate Past Chairwoman for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors for Central Catholic High School.

Dr. Gonzalez is an Advisor to the Dean of Science Engineering & Technology at St. Mary's University. At the State and national level, she is on the Stock Epinephrine Committee with the Texas Department of State Health Services and is Co-Chair of Small Business for America's Future.

Dr. Gonzalez founded the nonprofit, Con Corazon SA to address inequities and emergency preparedness in San Antonio and the surrounding area.

Dr. Gonzalez was selected as a 2019 Presidential Leadership Scholar and was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve on the National Medal of Science Committee.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize a member of the San Antonio community who continues to display an immense commitment to public service and whose knowledge and experience have helped usher in the next generation of military leaders. I am grateful for Dr. Gonzalez's service to the United States, and I wish her continued success.

AWARDING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER RALPH O'DELL A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Chief Warrant Officer Ralph O'Dell with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell served overseas during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He had the ambition of fighting for freedom and democracy across the world. Specifically, Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's skill set was on

display in New Guinea, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, and the Liberation of the Philippines.

Throughout Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's 42 years of service in the Army, he served as an Azimuth Tracker where he fired anti-aircraft artillery 40-millimeter guns. In addition to his time on the battlefield, he was a clerk-typist as an instructor in Finance and Personnel.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell attended the 4150th U.S. Army Reserve School in Dallas. His expertise was valued by Reserve Units out of Dallas, Waco, and Lubbock.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's time after his military service involves his continued passion to better his community. Organizations such as: Rotary International, Silver-Haired Legislature, Reserve Officers Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion have all benefited from Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's knowledge, experience, and dedication.

I am beyond honored to have Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

INDIANA INTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD DESERTS ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act of 2022 to help fight hunger and food insecurity in communities across the country.

I'd like to share just one example. In June of 2017, Marsh Supermarkets grocery stores announced the closure of many stores throughout the Midwest. Many of these stores were in my district where many families lack a car or reliable public transportation to get to the nearest grocery alternative, often located over a mile away. Today, thousands of my constituents are still struggling to find the food they need, with many forced to rely on fast-food restaurants and convenience stores.

These options are neither healthy nor affordable.

Sadly, this situation is not unique. Over 29 million people, almost 10 percent of the U.S. population, live without ready access to affordable, nutritious food and over 2 million people have no transportation to get to their nearest store. Many have seen their local stores close during the pandemic. Others lost access years ago and are now facing the serious long-term impacts of obesity, diabetes, malnutrition, and other diet-related ailments.

Unfortunately, residents in these low-income areas tend to spend less on groceries, leaving little financial incentive for traditional grocery chains to make costly investments for new locations.

In the wealthiest country on Earth, nutritious food should be an expectation, not a luxury. That is why I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act, which creates new avenues to fund stores in underserved communities. This bill will create USDA-funded, State-operated revolving funds that will issue low-interest loans for the operation of grocery stores in food deserts. The bill ensures that recipients of these loans, including for-profit, non-profit